Meeting of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)

1801. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the aegis of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), the hazards of unsafe sex were discussed in New Delhi on January 13, 1993;

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made during the discussions; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in the light thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) Confederation of Indian Industries had organised a Workshop on the role of the corporate Sector in combating HIV/AIDS on 13th January, 1993 in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO). Attention was focussed on the Socio-economic fallout effects of HIV/AIDS and the need to step up AIDS/STD Education, access to condoms and clinical management of AIDS/STD cases.

(c) The Government have already taken up a national programme in hand which includes, inter alia the points stressed in the workshop.

Maternity Deaths

1802. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that despite improvement in public health the actual risk for maternity deaths is 200 times higher than the acceptable level in the world;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have collected any data of the women dying during pregnancy in the country during the last three years;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) how many maternity deaths took place in the State of Bihar during the said period; and

(f) what remedial action Government propose to take to reduce the risk to Indian women dying during pregnancy ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR : (a) India stands at fifth position among the South East Asia region countries in respect of maternal mortality rates according to WHO.

(b) to (e) It is estimated that about 1,25,000 women die due to pregnancy related causes annually. However, State-wise estimates are not available.

(f) The Programmes undertaken include Tetanus Toxoid Immunization for pregnant women, training of Traditional birth attendants, provision of delivery kits, strengthening the primary health care institutions to detect and deal with high risk pregnancy cases and promoting of birth spacing.

Spread of Malaria and other diseases in Bihar

1803. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria and other diseases have struck most of the villages in the famine hit State of Bihar in a big way thereby increasing the miseries of the hapless villagers who are struck with hunger and thirst due to severe drought in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate medical facilities in the State of Bihar reeling under famine ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) State Government's report is awaited.

(b) and (c) Appropriate action will be taken on receipt of States Government's report.

Assistance to Philanthropic Institutions

1804. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Stool Testing Division of Hoffland Health Institution located in Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi has been undertaking loboratory testing of stools at a nominal fee with Home service for prevention of Intestinal Disorders amongst the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide some financial assistance to this Institution to further reduce their nominal charges to enable people below poverty line to avail of this facility at their door steps; and

(d) whether such financial assistance would also be extended to other philanthropic Institutions to come forward for human cause to lessen the burden of government Hospitals and to discourage commercial activities of Private Nursing Homes to larger extent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) This is a private laboratory and the Government does not regulate its charges.

(c) and (d) Government has no proposal to assist such private laboratories.

Supply of Medicines to Bihar

1805. DR. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI' : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has requested for supply of medicines from Medical Stores Organisation for implementing the various health programmes effectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the medicines have been supplied by the Medical Store Organisation as and when demanded; and

(d) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (d) Government of Bihar indents medicines from Medical Stores Organisation from time to time.

Indents for 307 items were received during the current year, of which 78 items were not in the approved list.

Of the remaining 229 items 196 have already been supplied.

Functioning of Nursing Schools in the Country

1806. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of nursing schools functioning in the country, how many of them are recognised, with details thereof State-wise and what steps have been taken to curb mushroom growth of unrecognised nursing schools ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : The information provided by the Indian Nursing Council is appended as Statement [*See* below]. The Council have informed the State Governments that prior aproval of the Council should be obtained before starting any nursing school/ College.